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19 June 1868

Holland, Michigan

At a meeting of the consistory of the First Reformed Church at which Rev. Albertus C. Van Raalte presided, the resignation of the clerk, Gerrit Wakker, was accepted. He had served for many years as clerk of consistory but due to domestic conflict with his wife, he felt he had to resign. Two elders were appointed to look into "this offensive situation." J. Schrader was chosen as clerk

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ARTICLE 6 – A letter was received from Rev. A. C. van Raalte, containing a request for advice, in connection with Article 6 in the minutes of April 26. It was decided that, because of the late hour, this letter will be discussed at the next meeting.

ARTICLE 7 – Brother Kamper reports that he is compelled to join the Ebenezer congregation, although he feels himself closely tied to this congregation, where he has for so many years enjoyed fellowship and felt at home. Various comments and needs concerning his task as elder were discussed, especially for the people of the area near where he lives. Brother Kamper accepted the fraternal advice to remain for some time in the service of this congregation.

The meeting was closed by the chairman, Brother Kamper.

G. Wakker, clerk

Consistory Meeting of June 19, 1868

ARTICLE 1 – Present: Rev. van Raalte with the consistory. Absent: Brother Kamper. Prayer by Brother Broek.

ARTICLE 2 – Christina Kroon wished to make profession of faith. She was admonished to pray and to inquire into the truth. At the same time, a committee, consisting of Keppel and Schrader, was appointed to speak with her further.

ARTICLE 3 – The purchase agreement was not finalized.

ARTICLE 4 – A letter from Brother Wakker was received. He indicates that after mature consideration he must resign from his ecclesiastical service. Given the circumstances, this is accepted.

ARTICLE 5 – The committee of Pijster and Schrader reports concerning Wakker and his wife. After having sincerely invited her to present her complaints, she, nevertheless, declared that she had no accusations to make against her husband.

ARTICLE 6 – A committee was appointed, consisting of Broek, Pijster, Sprietsma, to find out what can be done in this offensive situation.

The meeting was closed with prayer by _____.

J. Schrader, clerk